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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 3676

FLOCKHART et al. ) Examiner:

Serial No.: 10/673,118 )

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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
LOAD BALANCING WORK ON A )  
NETWORK OF SERVERS BASED ON )  
THE PROBABILITY OF BEING )  
SERVICED WITHIN A SERVICE )  
TIME GOAL" )

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Serial No. 10/673,115 filed September 26, 2003;

Serial No. 10/673,103 filed September 26, 2003; and

Serial No. 10/673,105 filed September 26, 2003.

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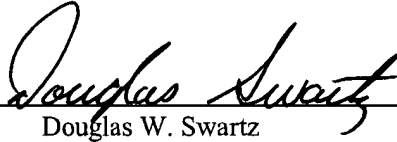
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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